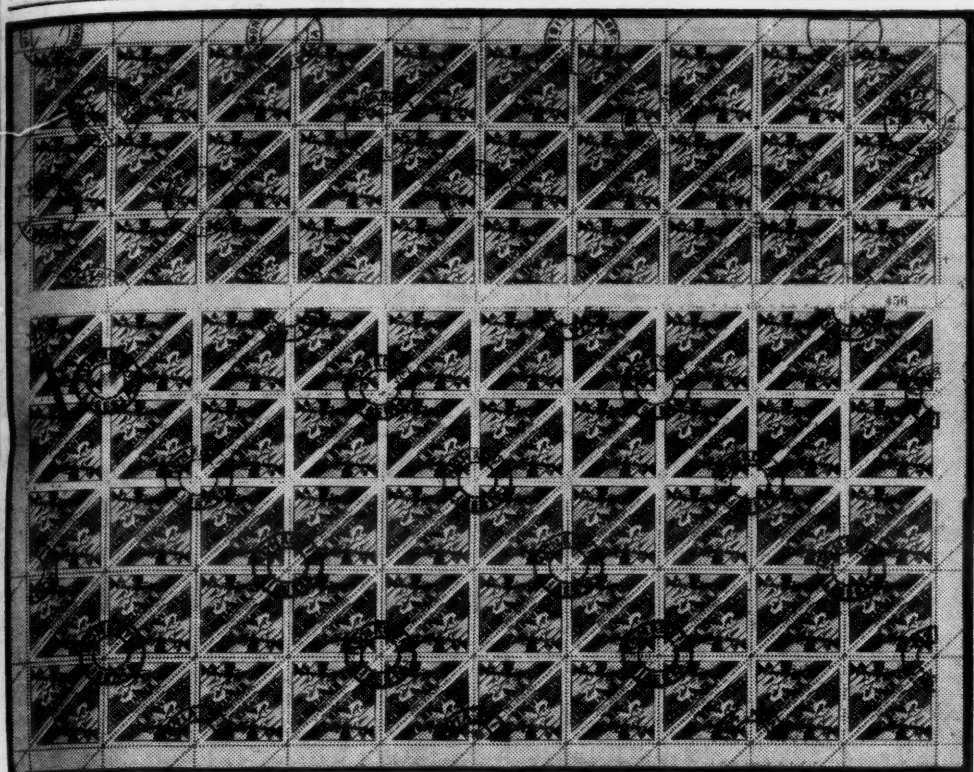


# Liberia Fraudulent Postmarks



LIBERIAN POSTAL ADMINISTRATION DENIES USE of the cancellations pictured on the two sheets above at any time from its post offices. The airmail sheet to be seen partly at the top has what appears to be a rubber stamp type. It has no date or other indication except the words MONROVIA, LIBERIA. At the bottom is a sheet which can be seen in full — it is the one which undoubtedly was cancelled on a printing press, probably from a plate. Note how in the upper left corner (see arrow) there is but one-fourth of a postmark, and otherwise across the top bottom and sides, half postmarks.

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## Evidence Indicates Stamps Have Printing Press Cancel Applied To Large Quantity

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We well remember away back in the very early days of our stamp collecting activity that the postage stamps of Liberia were looked upon with great disfavor among most collectors. This was because so many of them came into the market canceled to order. Naturally under such circumstances the blame would be placed on the Liberian Government.

From what we are able to learn at this late date it is perhaps true that these canceled to order stamps did emanate from the government. The practice seemed to be to issue attractive stamps often, they were a good source of revenue for a small nation struggling for existence. Let us look upon Liberia and try to realize the situation.

Originally set up by the help of the United States, a large number of ex-slaves, following the Civil War, were transplanted to Liberia and a Republic for the Colored people was established. In those days it should be apparent to anyone that lack of education was a great handicap to these poor people, who, given their freedom were turned loose and expected to shift for themselves.

This event too might well be described by the same name as was used to feature a certain moving picture that was shown all over America. Let us call it "An American Tragedy." This transplanting of the ex-slaves to Liberia was nothing less.

These people have struggled for years to live as we wanted them to live and they did the best they knew how. They were easy prey to the white man. They have suffered enough, they deserve our support rather than our exploitation.

Liberian Postage stamps however have been among the most attractive and interesting of those of any country. They have been both beautiful, interesting and historical. Few countries can boast of better balance in their postal issues. It is true that canceled to order copies did come into the market in years past. These however were legitimate stamps, remainders of issues which were superseded by new issues. The remainders were canceled and sold. That would be but a natural way to dispose of them. This practice has been followed by many countries, even in some cases by Great Britain with such stamps as its St. Helenas. Our own govern-

ment did as bad when it placed the Newspaper stamps on sale at a fraction of face, although without canceling them.

According to K. Bileski of Winnipeg, Canada, older Liberian stamps are just as clean as almost any other stamps that are in the market. The catalog mentions no reprinting of past issues. The only thing about them was the disposal of canceled to order remainders and that is not too bad if you will look over past issues as the practice has been almost discontinued in recent years due to the present method of handling their postal issues.

Back in 1946 the U. S. sent a representative to Liberia to straighten out some things in their offices. It is high time that they were given assistance and that the production and management of their own postal issues were again put back in their hands. Never under Liberian Government management was there so many dirty philatelic practices as are prevalent today.

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# The Paid Markings on the 3c U.S. Stamp of 1861

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## CHAPTER FOURTEEN

In this concluding chapter I want to present a quick reference table to the PAID Markings listed herein in order that those who are interested in them can easily check their stamps with those described in this book.

In doing this I think it only necessary to list the States which have contributed with Markings and then to list the Towns in alphabetical order. At the same time will be listed the Type of Marking, and the Chapter in which it is described.

With this table I think it will be easy for you to identify any you may acquire and where on cover to more readily identify them as being from some particular town.

The list follows:

State and Town	Type	Chapter
CONNECTICUT		
Milford	Roman Type V	3
Marion	Roman Type II	3
Northfield	Gothic Type III	2
Norwichtown	Roman Type V	3
Preston	Paid 3 in Circle Type VII	8
Scotland	Gothic Type VII	2
Thompsonville	Roman Type II	3
Wethersfield	Roman Type II	3
Willimantic	Paid in Circle Type I	7
ILLINOIS		
Hamilton	Gothic Type VII	2
La Moille	Gothic Type IV	2
Milledgeville	Gothic Type VIII	2
Ottawa	Paid in Circle Type I	7
Paxton	Paid in Oval Type III	6
Plainfield	Roman Type V	3
INDIANA		
Laporte	Paid 3 in Arc Type I	10
New Albany	Paid in Circle Type V	7
KENTUCKY		
Hardinsburgh	Paid 3 in Arc Type I	10
MAINE		
Alfred	Paid 3 in Circle Type XXI	9
Belfast	Roman Type V	3
Bolsters Mills	Paid 3 in Circle Type V	8
Bowdoinham	Roman Type VI	3
Brookfield	Gothic Type VIII	2
Bucksport	Fancy Paid Type I	11
Great Works	Gothic Type VIII	2
Kennebunk	Roman Type V	3
Livermore Falls	Paid in Oval Type III	6
Monroe	Gothic Type VIII	2
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North Berwick	Paid 3 in Circle Type III	8
Saco	Paid in Circle Type VI	7
Skowhegan	Roman Type V	3
South Berwick	Roman Type V	3
South Berwick	Paid 3 in Arc Type I	10
Turner	Roman Type II	3
Upper Gloucester	Gothic Type VIII	2
Washington	Roman Type V	3
West Newfield	Paid in Oval Type III	6
MASSACHUSETTS		
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Andover	Paid in Circle Type I	7
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Beverly	Paid in Circle Type VIII	7
Boston	Paid in Oval Type I	6
Boston	Paid in Oval Type II	6
Boston	Roman Type V	3
Brighton	Roman Type V	3
Brookline	Paid in Circle Type I	7
Cambridgeport	Roman Type II	3
Charlton	Paid in Oval Type III	6
Charlton City	Paid in Oval Type V	6
Cohasset	Gothic Type VII	2
Concord	Roman Type V	3
Concord	Paid 3 in Arc Type I	10
Dedham	Roman Type V	3
Dedham	Paid in Circle Type VII	7
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202-03	.14	295-99	.85	373-74	.26	B48-51	.64	B134-37	.30	C55-58	.30
204-05	.16	300-04	.85	375-77	.54	B54-57	1.30	B138-41	.80	IK-14	.40
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## 37th MAIL SALE

FEATURING VF TO SUPERB U. S., HIGH VAL. COLUMBIANS, OMAHA;  
U. S. AIRMAILS & ZEPPS; FRANCE AND COLONIES, ST. PIERRE-MIQUELON  
FREE FRENCH.

**SALE CLOSING TUESDAY APRIL 12, 1955, 4 P. M.**

1. All lots to be sold to the highest bidder at a slight advance over the second highest bid.  
2. Lots will be sent to successful bidders known to me, or who submitted references for immediate payment.  
3. Other bidders will be notified and their lots sent against full payment.  
4. Lots on display at my office from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.  
5. All stamps are guaranteed genuine.  
6. Description: Cat. numbers and prices are from Scott's 1955 Catalog. All stamps are guaranteed genuine.  
7. Bid with confidence unsatisfactory is returnable.  
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KEY: \* Mint; OG - Used; - Black; - Cover; NH - Never Hinged; B - Bottom; T - Top; L - Left; R - Right; - On Piece; - Straight Edge.

### UNITED STATES

Lot #	Scott #	Description	Cat. or Retail Value
149	440	50c Superb OG "A Gem" .....	Ret. 05.00
150	440	50c Blk Superb OG "Fat Margins" .....	Ret. 27.50
151	448	1c 5c Coil .....	Ret. 27.50
152	448	1c 5c 67-58 Pairs VF OG .....	Ret. 7.00
153	462	47c 1c-15c VF-Superb OG .....	Ret. 53.00
154	476	20c Superb OG "A Gem" .....	Ret. 14.00
155	478	11.00 Superb OG "A Gem" .....	Ret. 70.00
156	478	11.00 Blk VF-Superb OG rare Ret. 27.50	
157	498	516 1c-5c VF-Superb OG .....	Ret. 28.00
158	498	516 Blks VF-Superb OG .....	Ret. 95.00
159	499	2c Lake, rare shade F OG .....	Ret. 7.00
160	519	2c Perf. 11 Superb OG Signed Ret. 20.00	
161	519	2c VF OG .....	Ret. 16.00
162	519	2c Blk VF-Superb OG .....	Ret. 16.00
163	519	2c Blk VF-Superb OG .....	Ret. 95.00
164	519	2c Pl. Blk of 6 VF OG rare Ret. 150.00	
165	523	82.00 Supb OG fresh "A Gem" Ret. 60.00	
166	523	82.00 VF OG rich color .....	Ret. 44.00
167	523	82.00 Blk VF-Superb OG .....	Ret. 24.00
168	524	85.00 Superb OG fresh .....	Ret. 170.00
169	524	85.00 Blk Superb OG .....	Ret. 70.00
170	535	3c Imperf. Blk Superb OG .....	Ret. 7.00
171	537	3c Victory Fine OG .....	Ret. 3.00
172	538	1c Blk Fine OG .....	Ret. 3.00
173	547	82.00 Superb OG "A Gem" .....	Ret. 23.00
174	550	5c Blk VF-Superb OG .....	Ret. 18.00
175	551	573 1c-5c VF-Superb OG .....	Ret. 130.00
176	551	573 1c-5c VF-Superb OG .....	Ret. 130.00
177	556	4c 8 copies F-VF OG 3 SE .....	Ret. 3.00
178	563	11c 8 Diff. Shades in Singles and Blks F-VF OG .....	Ret. 12.50
179	571	573 1c-5c 1c-10c Blk VF-Superb OG Ret. 45.00	
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302	377	1.00 T. Pl. Blk of 4 VF OG	Ret. 6.00
303	378	1.00 T. Pl. Blk of 4 VF OG	Ret. 25.00
304	379	1.00 Orange Fine OG	Ret. 1.50
305	380	1.00 Blk F-VF OG	Ret. 5.00

312	B16	Invert. Overprp. Fine OG	Ret. 20.00
313	B1c	16-7 F-VF used	Ret. 3.50
314	B1-2	Blks of 4 VF OG	Ret. 7.75
315	B3-10	2-2c5Fr VF-Superb OG	Ret. 60.00
316	B3-10	on cover Superb used rare	Ret. 90.00
317	B11-14	VF OG	Ret. 8.40
318	B12	VF used	Ret. 7.75
319	B16-19	22-23 VF used	Ret. 3.75
320	C14	50Fr green Superb OG NH	Ret. 22.50
321	C15	50Fr. Banknote Superb OG	Ret. 15.00
322	C22	500Fr used VF	Ret. 3.50
323	Sannabria	26 Rheslieu VF OG	Ret. 15.00
324	J1	Black Fine used	Ret. 10.00
325	J1-2	10-15c Average used	Ret. 16.50
326	J3-4	10c-15c VF No Gum	Ret. 2.50
327	J3	6 10c, 25c VF No Gum	Ret. 3.25
328	J3	16-7 F-VF used	Ret. 6.05
329	J5	10c on neat covr (1882) Supb	Ret. 5.00
330	J6	7-26 VF used	Ret. 7.75
331	J6-10	25c,60c Superb OG fresh	Ret. 15.00
332	J8	40c VF Appear, but tiny thin	Ret. 15.00
333	J28	5Fr Fine OG	Ret. 12.00
334	J41	5Fr Fine	Ret. 12.00
335	J46-53	F-VF OG include rare J50	Ret. 4.00
336	N1-4	1c-5c VF No Gum	Ret. 17.00
337	FE, OF. CHINA	10 VF OG	Ret. 5.00
338	12A	5Fr No Gum Perf short	Ret. 8.50
339	CAN	26 50c Canadian	Ret. 15.00
340		VF OG signed	Ret. 18.50
341	31-47	VF OG less 43. 46	Ret. 18.90
342	HOI-HAO	68 10Fr VF OG	Ret. 10.00
343	TRONGKING	34-48 VF OG	Ret. 10.15
344	YUNNAN	17-33 VF OG less 22,29,30	Ret. 19.75
345	CRETE	1-20 F-VF OG few faults	Ret. 38.00
346		or creases	Ret. 25.00
347	PORT SAID	1-15,5a,6a VF OG	Ret. 29.00
348		9a Fine OG light crease	Ret. 17.00
349		49 VF OG rare	Ret. 15.00
350	MOROCCO	1-7 F-VF OG	Ret. 14.60
351	CB1-20	VF OG	Ret. 7.50
352	CB1-20	VF used on "Maximum" Post	Ret. 15.00
353	Cards (10)	VF rare	Ret. 15.00
354	TUNIS	EMU 1c VF OG	Ret. 11.20
355	ZANZIBAR	17-28 F-VF less 27	Ret. 7.50
356	22a	Ultramar. overprp. VF	Ret. 17.50
357	FR. COLONIES	1.5-6 Pairs VF OG Ret.	Ret. 10.00
358		1.3 Blks of 4 VF OG but tiny thins	Ret. 17.50
359		16 1c BF of 4 VF OG 1 thin	Ret. 5.00
360		11 20c used Fine	Ret. 15.00
361		12 20c used VF appear, thin	Ret. 15.00
362		18 4c Town cancel F cut close at L	Ret. 100.00
363		22 VF No Gum, 23 used	Ret. 21.00
364		28 4c VF OG rare	Ret. 20.00
365		44 25c Black on Red Superb OG	Ret. 100.00
366		signed	Ret. 100.00
367	1937	Souvenir Sheets Paris Expos.	Ret. 10.00
368	(24)	VF OG	Ret. 18.50
369	1939	Bastille Airs (8) Type Senegal,	Ret. 18.50
370	CB1	VF OG	Ret. 18.50
371	1941	Secours National (32) type	Ret. 37.50
372	Dahomey	28-11 on 8 covers, 4 Val.	Ret. 37.50
373		each VF and rare	Ret. 37.50
374	1946	Chad to Rhine Airs (90 val.)	Ret. 37.85
375		VF OG	Ret. 50.00
376	FR. CONGO	9 VF OG signed, rare	Ret. 18.50
377	18-34	VF OG	Ret. 18.50
378	30-34	VF used less 25,28,33	Ret. 14.00
379	35-47	VF OG rare	Ret. 10.00
380	Q1	10 Parcel Post VF OG listed	Ret. 10.00
381		in Yvert Catalog	Ret. 10.00



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## An Unbiased View Of The Moluccas.

A few days ago I had a letter from Mr. Rueth in our Sidney office in which he remarked.

"I know that we see eye to eye on despising and condemning the various labels and other junk which has appeared on the market over the years . . . and our paper has gained at lot of credit from readers thereby."



GEORGE W. LINN

collectors' interests. But they too have never made much serious effort to assume the burden of doing the right thing in this respect for their membership.

With such a situation, why then should we assume such a responsibility. We have brought the matter to the attention of everyone. We have fought disreputable practices and could call attention to many more if there could be any good come from it, but it seems that we are to be left alone to fight the battle for clean philately and we are getting very tired of going it alone. Any publisher is taking a considerable risk in this matter and more especially when he has to go it alone for there are those who are ever ready to wield a big stick and crack down at the first opportunity.

Our own actions thus far have been solely with a hope of doing the right things for the hobby. We have had no axe to grind. We have no personal likes or dislikes among the dealers. We play no favorites, except to champion the cause of clean philately. On the other hand we know that there is always a great bit of ill feeling among various dealers in the stamp world. There is a group in the ASDA and there are others that would have no part of the ASDA. The history of the stamp trade in New York City would be a very interesting and illuminating thing if ever honestly written. There have been some spectacular things and some things that would not bear too much light.

For our part we have tried to stand aloof from any entanglements and to show no favoritism to anyone, yet we have at the same time tried to present what we believe were facts without favoring either group.

It is because of our intention to be fair about all of these matters that we feel a final statement should be made before we pass up this label matter temporarily and devote our columns to other matters which we believe will be of more interest to more of our readers. So let us look at the past.

Back in 1951 and 1952 we presented many things which would be considered as for the Moluccan stamps. In recent months we have presented much against them. Some dealers have felt there is more for the Moluccan stamps than against, so that they can handle them in good faith, even though the catalog does not as yet list them.

These dealers point out that the catalog did not list the cheap Cuban artists set issue of 1937 until 1952 when it first appeared, and then carried as the first price about \$25.00, or the inexpensive when new, Luxembourg Intellectual set of 1935, unlisted by the catalog until the 1954 edition when it appeared at \$63.00, and other similar examples.

To refresh the memory of our readers so that they will have a balanced picture, we first publicized the Moluccan stamps in August 20th, 1951, by picturing these and quoting a release from the Information Office in New York, and advising readers that they were available from this government representative at face value.

Each succeeding new issue was similarly presented along with the address of the South Moluccan Delegation to the United States.

However, in the Fall of 1953 the prominent British publications, and certain British philatelic societies considered reputable, condemned the South Moluccan stamps.

In view of the standing of these societies, we presented their views against the Moluccas as prominently as we did previous statements for them. And we further reprinted in full the American Stamp Dealers Association release quoting the Indonesian government's viewpoint on the South Moluccas, as this is the only stamp dealers group in the United States.

As the South Moluccas stamps are the only section of the questionable groups which might have been all right, we clearly and unequivocally presented both sides of the coin.

Now, to sum up the past four years:

In the past several months we have taken a great bit of time to search for facts. Besides having had quite a bit of correspondence with the Moluccan Information Office we have also gathered newspaper clippings from leading New York Newspapers which are unquestionably better informed than we are. Also we have gathered a large number of clippings and information from the newspapers in Australia.

First, here is the history of the area based on what we have learned from our research. That part of the world stretching between Singapore and Australia comprises an area larger than the United States, and includes the islands of Sumatra, Java, Bali, Borneo, Celebes, the Moluccas, and a part of New Guinea. Up to 1941 it was called the Dutch East Indies. In 1942 the Dutch were driven out, and the area was occupied by the Japanese until September of 1945.

In 1945 the Indonesian Republic set up as an independent state in Java and Sumatra. The new Indonesian Republic was promptly and formally recognized by many of the world's leading nations. The Dutch came back into control of New Guinea, the Moluccas, Celebes, and Borneo, however, and waged full warfare against the Indonesians. The South Moluccans, or Ambones as they are often called, were the backbone of the Netherlands armies.

In 1949 it became apparent to the Dutch that the war against the Indonesian Republic was exhausting their economy, and never could be won. Accordingly, they signed a peace treaty under United Nations auspices in which they relinquished sovereignty of all of the former Dutch Indies to the Republic of Indonesia, on the understanding that a federal type of state would be set up, with each state maintaining its existence—as we have in the United States. The question of New Guinea was left for a future date, with the Dutch maintaining it as a colony until such time.

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## SMILEATELICS . . . Bob Rieker



"Past, Mack, you wanna buy a genuine 'phoney' stamp?"

## Attractive Booklet Tells SPA Advantages

Just off press, and available for the use of everybody interested, is the Society of Philatelic American's new 12-page and cover booklet, "Open the Door to Greater Philatelic Enjoyment." Celebrating 60 years of service to stamp people, this new book, printed in two colors, offers a compact, accurate picture, up to date, of the various opportunities the S.P.A. brings to collectors.

Within the attractive cover are described: the S.P.A. Journal; the Membership Directory; the four stamp-handling departments with a bonded manager of each; the conventions; the regional and mid-year meetings; the several handbooks published by the society; the branch societies and their services; estate advisory service, the new service of insurance on members' collections; the two types of expertizing services; the translation service; and the various smaller types of service. This all leads up to a page on membership, its costs and its benefits—followed by one on the "Plus Values" that comes by Friendship Thru Stamps.

This booklet may be had on request, accompanied with a stamped, addressed envelope. Write to Walter S. Titock, 2719 S. Millard Ave., Chicago 23, Ill.

## Colonial Airlines 25 Years Cachet

In commemoration of its 25 years of successful operation, Colonial Airlines, Inc. has prepared a cachet which it will apply to the prepared covers of collectors on April 18.

Envelopes must have the name and address well to the right, contain a stuffer and bear 6c in stamps. The 4c airmail card can also be used.

These are to be sent to Nancy O'Brien, Colonial Airlines, Inc., 230 Park Ave., New York 17, N. Y. with a request for the cachet, before April 18.

## Boise Collectors Stage One Day Show

The Boise, Idaho Stamp Club will have a one day exhibition at the YMCA from 1 to 10 p. m. on Saturday April 16. Members will supply the various philatelic displays from their personal collections.

The general public is invited to attend the show. Further information can be obtained from Ralph Tucker, 2725 N. 31st St., Boise, Idaho.

## LIQUIDATION

TRUNKS - Trunks - and more trunks all chock full of stamp accumulations, begin to crowd even our thousands of square feet of office space, therefore we have decided to break them up in

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**1955 STAMP PROGRAM**  
Soo Locks Centennial, probably at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.  
**ALREADY ISSUED**  
1064—Art Museum 3c, Philadelphia, Pa., January 15.  
1065—Land Grant Colleges 3c, East Lansing, Mich.  
1066—Rotary 8c, Chicago, Ill., February 23.

**CANADA**  
April 4—4c and 5c Wild Life, Ottawa, Ont., Canada.

**UNITED NATIONS**  
May 11—UNESCO commem.  
Oct. 24—UN Day commem.  
Dec. 9—Human Rights commem.

To obtain First Day Covers collectors can send a reasonable quantity, each with a name and address, and enclosing a stuffer to the Postmaster of the designated first day city with a request for FD Service. Payment must accompany to cover the face value of the stamps to be affixed. For UN and Canadian first days, watch the news stories on these and follow instructions.

## Map Stamp Collectors Become ATA Chapter

Collectors of map stamps and related material have set up their own organization for study and research as a special unit of the American Topical Association. Charter members are now being enrolled.

Temporary officers are: Allen H. Seed, Jr., New York, president; Wm. R. Horney, Centerville, Md., and Walter Klinefelter, Red Lion, Pa., vice presidents; Wilfrid Webster, Bellmore, N. Y., secretary-treasurer.

The unit has begun publication of its own bulletin, "The Carto-Philatelist," which features check lists of map stamps, new issues and discoveries, a map stamp exchange and informative articles.

Complimentary copies of the first issue were mailed to all known map stamp collectors but anyone interested in this topical may secure a sample copy, application form and additional information by writing to W. Webster, 2493 Wilson Ave., Bellmore, L. I., N. Y.

## Apprehend Columbus Exhibition Thief

An almost 100% recovery of the approximately \$2300 worth of mint United States stamps stolen from the Buckeye Stamp Co. at the recent Columbus, Ohio exhibition and bourse has been reported by the

## UNITED STATES

Collections purchase. Also want quantity lots, mint or used.

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# GERMANY

Mint	Used	Mint	Used	Mint	Used	Mint	Used	Mint	Used
490-1	.25	B237-40	.05	5NB3A8		10N46	.06 .06	10N179	.05 .05
492-3	.06 .06	B241-3	.03 .04		2.35 2.50	10N47	.06 .06	10N180-5	.24 .24
494-7	.12 .09	B243-5	.05 .05	5NB9-11		10N48	.09 .10	10N186	.06 .06
498-501	.12 .09	B244/5	.05 .05		1.75 1.75	10N49-50	.10 .10	10N187-394	
502-5	.12 .09	B246	.02 .03	6N1-15	.08 .17	10N51-2	.15 .16		.05 .05
506-27	.35 .60	B247-8	.04 .04	6N16-29	1.60 .28	10N53	.06 .07	10N203	.06 .06
520-1	.02 .02	B248-1	.02 .03	6N190-38	2.30 3.00	10N54-7	1.50 .15	10N204	.06 .06
522-3	.03 .02	B251-2	.03 .03	6N1-2	.30	10N58-67	.95 .75	10N207	.06 .06
530-56	.12 .25	B251	.02 .03	6N3-6	3.00 —	10N68-9	.16 .16	10N208-9	.06 .06
537-7	.12 .25	B252	.04 .04	6N6B6a	3.25 —	10N70	.08 .06	Youth	.06 .06
578-9	.03 .08	B252a-c	.05 .07	6N7-9	.45 .50	10N71-4	.29 .18	Rueter	.06 .06
580-81	.03 .08	B253-6	.06 .06	6N1-13	.06 .17	10N75	—	Thalman	.06 .06
582-3	.03 .08	B257-69	.06 .06	6N14-27	1.60 .28	10N76-7	.13 .13	Thelma	.06 .06
584-5	.03 .08	B257-7	.02 .03	6N2-37	3.40	10N78-9	.20 .14	Provia	.06 .06
600-16	.16 .40	B271	.05 .06	6N38-9	1.54 1.60	10N80-1	.55 .28	val.	.38 .38
617-33	.16 .40	B272-7	.05 .06	6NB1-4	6.95 —	10N82-4	1.05 1.05	5 Year	.06 .06
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676	.18 .10	B288	.02 .03	6N64-7	1.10 .24	10N96-7	.10 .05	10NB4-3	.15 .15
680	.07 .05	B289	.02 .03	6N68	.15 .15	10N98	.05 .03	10NB6-16	
687	.07 .05	B290	.02 .03	6N70-9	.15 .15	10N99	.05 .05		
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698/701	.30 .20	B314-5	.27 .20	6N106	.06 .04	10N116-17		10NB25-5	
702/70	.35 .35	B317-7	.03 .03	6N107	.13 .09		.09 .05		
723	.. .05	B318-9	.19 .19	6N107	.08 .06	10N118-9	.35 .18	10NB26	.06 .06
724	.. .03	B320-3	.45 .25	6N108	.03 .02	10N120-36		New Flood	.04 .04
724	.. .10	B324	.10 .10	40 pig big			.06 .38	C1-2	.03 .03
B200	.02 .03	B325-6	.18 .18		.16 .12	10N134a	.25 —	C3-7	.17 .17
B201	.03 .04	B327-30	.45 .34	70 pig big		10N137-46		C8-19	.12 .12
B202	.04 .04	B328-3	.18 .18	Strauss	.27 .30	10N147	.05 .04	C97-8	.28 .28
B203	.12 .12	B332-3	.18 .16	Borsig	.08 .06	10N148-50		C98-60	.06 .06
B204	.20 .20	B334-7	.40 .34	6N91-3	2.40 2.45		.15 .16	O1-15	.10 .10
B205	.12 .12	B336-41	.42 .26	6NB3-4	2.40 2.45	10N151-54		O16-21	.07 .07
B206-7	.05 .05	4N1-13	.60 .75	6N94-5	1.80 .27		.12 .08	O22-8	.06 .06
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## A NEW TWIST

Many have been the twists that have accompanied the release of new commemoratives. I have reference, of course, to the annoying features. The most popular one of these is centering, or the lack of it. While there is too much about off-centering to be discussed in stamps, we will hurriedly pass this by, without further comment, today. Rather, I would like to point out the less common annoying features that crop up now and then with various new commemoratives. Here are some of them. Perhaps most or all of these might be familiar to you.

For one there is the case of Old Ironsides that came out in the fall of 1947. There the prominent feature was the little perforation tidbits that managed to get on many of the sheets after having been punched out, and pressed together they would puncture many a stamp and leave damaging marks in various positions on many sheets. More than a few of these appeared in the plate blocks, contributing thus to many damaged ones. The disturbing part of it was they were not easily noticed unless you were aware of this existing situation.

Another case is the split that was found in the narrow selvage of the plate block, as was the case in the Edison issue, more so in the upper right position than in the upper left. This split portion of the selvage appears in the area above the stamp, to the right of the plate number in the upper right position and to the left of the plate number in the upper left position. At times this split extends beyond the horizontal angle and tears into the vertical perforations running up and down.

The same type of split perforations along the narrow selvage existed in the Gold Discovery issue of early 1948 in the lower right and

lower left positions and which had to be examined very closely to be detected. To go back even further, the Florida issue in early 1945, had sustained the same damaging effects in the lower left position.

Another type of split perforations, even more pronounced, came about in the Firemen issue of late 1948, where it appeared that the crispness of the paper split the perforations vertically in the center of the plate block of the lower right position, from the bottom of the sheet for a space of about two inches, or equal to splitting the plate block in half.

On January 15, 1955, there came out the Fine Arts Academy commemorative. This is probably the first stamp within memory that is not officially called a coil but has the greatest resemblance to one. It is understandable that if feminine charm had graced the picture side of the stamp we could perhaps conclude that that had something to do with it. Under normal conditions, my experience has been that just about all new issues came through pretty flat, as they should and ought to be.

Only after a stamp lays around in the post office for a year, two, or longer, it begins to curl from being exposed to dry and warm temperatures, but to see a new stamp curled up and coming through like that in large quantities, both from local post offices as well as the Philatelic Agency, is really unusual, to say the least. By way of verification, I have been informed from the agency, in general terms, that these sheets are coming through in such curlicue fashion. Just for kicks, I got in touch with a number of postal clerks selling this stamp and when I asked them about the condition of this new Fine Arts Academy commemorative they were very obliging and politely told me what the situation was.

Sorry I cannot quote them in the actual description that I was given, for that kind of language is censured in stamp papers, even during peace time. Will make an effort to find out just why this issue came through in this curly fashion and will be glad to pass this information on to you when available.

It is understandable that a condition like this is a nuisance for the collector of sheets and even more so for the dealer handling them.

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In all fairness, after registering these various gripes about unsatisfactory conditions, credit should also be given wherever it is due. In the very same instance as described above, I'd like to point out the equally most unusual beautiful centering that has come through on all four plate numbers, in all four positions. That, too, is unusual and therefore should be registered on the credit side of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. A bouquet of roses to this department for a very nice centering job. To further qualify this, the above observation has been made from the handling of several thousand sheets, both from the agency and other post offices.

Lest we should be guilty on an error of omission, an equally beautiful job in centering came through last year on two issues, the Nebraska and the Kansas. On both good centering could be found without much trouble, in all numbers and all positions. If they will accept it, let's give the Department two more bouquets belatedly.

Australian Stamp  
Printer Kept Busy

Australian Postmaster General Hubert L. Anthony revealed recently that during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1954 the Note Printing Branch of the Commonwealth Bank, which prints Australian stamps, delivered just about 1,014 million postage stamps to the Post Office Department.

Mr. Anthony added that more than 24 million items of postal stationery, such as postcards, lettercards, wrappers, aerogrammes and postage stamp booklets, were also delivered, as well as large quantities of stamps in coils for use in automatic stamp vending machines and postage due stamps.

The Note Printing Branch embossed stamps on 10 million envelopes for private users. Stamp booklets, each containing twelve 3½ pence stamps, were increasing in popularity, 6,631,680 having been issued compared with the previous record

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It is being held under the co-direction of president Allyn H. Wright, of the N. Y. chapter, and president Oscar Hengstler, of the northern N.J. chapter. It will be non-competitive with each exhibitor receiving a certificate of participation. It will be open to the public 7:30 p. m. until 10. All interested collectors are invited.

**Invite ABC Attendees To Stamp Sessions**

The Anthony Wayne Stamp Society of Ft. Wayne, Ind. has issued a special invitation to stamp collecting bowlers to attend any of their meetings while participating in the American Bowling Congress. March 26 was the opening day of the pin-toppling event which will continue for 72 days.

Meetings are held at the YMCA on the second and fourth Mondays at 8 p. m. Further information can be gotten from Henry Wither, 2516 New Haven Ave., Ft. Wayne 4, Ind.

**Stamp Exhibition In Penn U Library**

Until April 3, the University of Pennsylvania Philatelic Society in Philadelphia is holding an exhibition in the university library. Cooperation on the part of library officials was enthusiastic they providing the frames for the displays, and also setting up a substantial exhibit of books relating to the hobby.

Club members provided the material on exhibition, including that pertaining to the hobby as tools and accessories.



March 23—Stampfair, 315 W. 42nd St., New York 36, N.Y. United States, British Empire, General and Wholesale.

March 24—Gold Medal Auctions, 50 W. 46th St., New York 36, N.Y. U. S., British Empire and General Foreign.

March 26—Stampazine, 315 W. 42nd St., New York 36, N.Y. United States, British Empire, General, Covers.

March 26—Cross Stamp Co., 551 Fifth Ave., New York 17, N.Y. British Commonwealth, Europe, General Foreign.

March 28—Matthew Bennett, 2995 Cortlandt, Detroit 24, Mich. U. S. mint and used, British Colonies, General, Wholesale.

March 28—Billig & Rich, Inc., 55 W. 42nd St., New York 36, N.Y. U.S., British Empire, Mexico, Literature.

March 29—Max Bloch, 505 Fifth Ave., New York 17, N.Y. Airmails mint, used, covers, Honduras, Mexico, Spain.

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April 2—Stampazine, 315 W. 42nd St., New York 36, N.Y. United States, British Commonwealth, General, Covers.

April 4—H. B. Zeitlin, 1795-L Riverside Dr., New York 34, N.Y. Germany & Colonies, Scandinavia, General, Canada.

April 4—H. R. Harmer, Inc., 8 W. 48th St., New York 36, N.Y. United States, General Foreign, German States.

April 9—Stampazine, 315 W. 42nd St., New York 36, N.Y. United States British Commonwealth, General, Covers.

April 12—Earl P. Apfelbaum, 1416 S. Penn Sq., Philadelphia 2, Pa. United States, British Colonies, General.

April 15—Philip H. Jones, Jr., Broad Acres Farm, Shelton Conn. Postal cards, fancy cancels, RPO, RFD, etc.

April 16—Stampazine, 315 W. 42nd St., New York 36, N.Y. United States British Commonwealth, General, Covers.

April 18—H. R. Harmer, Inc., 8 W. 48th St., New York 36, N.Y. Air Post of the World Inc. Colombia and SCADTA's.

April 20—F. R. Ferryman, 505 Fifth Ave., New York 17, N.Y. United States, General Foreign, Postal History.

April 21—H. Lazarus, 29 Wadsworth Ave., New York 33, N.Y. U. S., Brit. Emp., Europe & Colonies, Locals, Postal History.

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**NEW ZEALAND.** There is a large demand at advancing prices for the 1913 Auckland Exhibition set. These four overprinted stamps were only available for letters in New Zealand and to Australia. Only about 12,000 sets were sold which is very low for a commemorative set of New Zealand.

**AUSTRALIA.** Some of the two pence stamps issued in 1944 (#196) were perforated for coil use (large and small holes). These were not available in sheet form. However at least one sheet was released in this form and Gibbons's Monthly shows a used block of four with this coil perforation. Unless further sheets or parts of sheets are found, blocks of this items, mint or used, will become a real rarity.

**SEYCHELLES.** A complete sheet of 60 of the 1952 two cent King George VI stamps including variety of St. Edward's Crown watermarks, sold at a recent auction sale in London for 40 Pounds (\$112.00). A similar sheet of the 3 cents sold for 16 Pounds (\$44.80) and a sheet of the 3 cents, but with missing crown variety sold for 36 Pounds (\$100.80).

**Ed. Note:** This present Chatter begins the ninth year of its existence. It is now, and has since its beginning, been one of Linn's most popular features. Our readers will want to join us in extending best wishes and congratulations to Mr. Friedman for his fine efforts.

**CANADA.** Gibbons has just increased the price of the Capex set of Canada (#311-314). Scott's prices have also been increased and the retail price has advanced to between 75c and 90c, and higher prices can be expected.

**RHODES CENTENARY** sets of Northern and Southern Rhodesia with the three exhibition stamps are quite scarce and prices are advancing. This set of 13 looks good and should be obtained now before further advances occur. It may be one of the scarce sets of the future and is still available here at around \$1.50.

**AUSTRALIA.** The new Elizabeth 1/0½ has been released and this stamp supersedes the George VI of the same value #247. The use is limited and the George VI should be obtained while still available at a low price. Get it now or pay more later.

**VIRGIN ISLANDS.** We again call your attention to the scarcity of the Legislative Council set 98-101. Catalogue and retail prices have advanced and will probably go higher.

**ST. HELENA.** Do not overlook the three low value stamps of St. Helena (136-138). They are still available here at a low price, but will not long remain at present levels.

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The university building, and the man who founded the school are shown on a set of two commemoratives issued by Czechoslovakia January 28 for the 35th anniversary of the Comenius University at Bratislava.

A 60 haleru green has the building; on the 75h brown is a portrait of Johann Amos Comenius after a medal by Otakar Spaniel set in an ornamental decoration.

Pavel Sudarek designed, and Bedrich Housa engraved, the former—Jiri Behounek conceived the artwork, and Ladislav Jirka the engraving of the latter.

Printing was in sheets of seventy at the Post Printing Office in Prague.

**Precancel Round-Up At Wichita, Kansas**

Mrs. Marie Higgins, president of the Kansas Precancel Society has announced that the second annual precancel round-up of the club will be staged April 30 and May 1 at the St. Anthony Community Center at 1208 E. Second St., Wichita, Kans.

There will be no admission fee, no registration fee, and no banquet. However there will be a substantial exhibition with worthwhile trophies and abundant facilities for the selling and swapping of stamps.

Correspondence can be sent to secretary John J. Herbert, P. O. Box 1551, Wichita 1, Kans.

**Will Have Jamboree At Kokomo May 15**

There will be a competition for awards among the junior exhibits, but not for senior, at the annual jamboree of the Kokomo, Ind. Stamp Club, May 15. All events are planned for the Hotel Frances.

An auction is one of the attractions, it to be staged in the afternoon. Secretary Robert Knisely, 211 E. Boulevard, Kokomo, Ind. will supply further information.

**LIBERIA**

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without having every one of the loose ends tied up. The perpetrators of the various deals stand ready at the drop of a hat to slap a libel suit on anyone who names names.

That we may not be accused of just making a noise without any proof of what we talk about we have printed on page one an illustration of complete sheets of Liberian airmail stamps. We have selected the 4c orange Scott No. C7, of 1938, which has been out of issue for many years in Liberia.

It would appear from what evidence we have that these stamps now in the market may be reprints. Reprints in themselves are not too bad, yet they are improper stamps. Collectors who bought these sets when current paid a certain price for them. Reprinting of them in future years can only mean that the price which was originally paid is going to be discounted, thus the original buyer is deceived and cheated.

The illustration shows in very reduced form, complete sheets of this 4c stamp. Note the cancellations on both sheets. We have letters signed by Liberian officials in which they say . . . "As to whether or not these sheets bear a proper cancellation of the post office here, I desire to say that the cancellations are not the official cancellation of any of the post offices here . . ."

Let us look at the one which has the larger Monrovia cancel. It appears to have been canceled by hand as the alignment of the cancellations will indicate. The cancellations also run off of the edges of the stamps into the margins. The producers evidently found this too big a task as there were perhaps thousands of sheets to be canceled so they had to find a quicker and easier way. Now look at that of 4c stamps with the smaller and heavier Monrovia cancel. Here we discover that there is a cancel in one corner which is only one quarter of a circular cancel. Some along the side are only one half of a circular cancel. Others are complete circular cancels. Did any collector ever see a quarter or a half cancel stamp used by any post office?

For expediency, this sheet was canceled by making a plate of several postmarks and running them through a printing press.

Now there is also another cancel which is on a 2c red of this same issue. This one is very like that on the last sheet referred to above, but is still different. So we now have three none of which officials of the Liberian Government recognize as being the legitimate Monrovia cancellation mark.

Remember, these things are in the same category as the old Heligoland, Roman States, Samoa Express and similar reprints. The only difference is that they are a better job, thus more difficult to detect. The sale of this material as legitimate stamps of Liberia is committing a fraud and traffic in them through the U. S. Mails is Fraud Though The Mails. This is considered quite a serious offense and punishable by heavy fines plus

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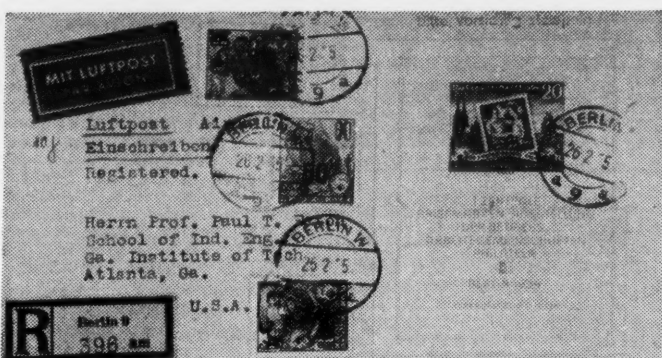
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**FOR EAST ZONE STAMP EXHIBITION.** The souvenir sheet on the right side of the above cover was issued by the communist zone of Germany. It was released in connection with a philatelic exhibition in the communist sector of Berlin. The stamp is a reproduction of the one issued for "Day of the Postage Stamp, 1954", it containing another stamp in its design. The other single stamps are revalued eastern zone regulars. The cover is shown through the courtesy of Paul T. Eaton, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, Ga.

## The Night When Everything Went Wrong

John C. Bartlett

One day during the war, when I was stationed near San Francisco, I was waiting in line at the philatelic window of the main post office where I had gone to get a few copies of a new stamp issue. Another serviceman ahead of me struck up a conversation, and asked if I would care to attend the weekly meetings of a stamp club which had been organized by military personnel in that area. The invitation sounded interesting, and I accepted.

Few of those in attendance had any stamp material with them, but there were interesting visits and discussions with collectors from various parts of the country. Some we met only once or twice before they moved on to other theaters of war.

I recall especially one major who was stationed at the Presidio. He was a man of considerable vitality and enthusiasm, and he had a fund of anecdotes and stories for all occasions. Once he told about an experience he had had in his civilian days which illustrated the troubles that can sometimes beset a stamp club committee on arrangements. He was from a city in the east, and had belonged to a stamp club with a large and active membership. That year the club had decided to sponsor a banquet at a downtown hotel. The idea had been well received, and something over 200 reservations were sold.

For guest speaker they had a judge from the criminal courts. He was also a discriminating philatelist with many years of collecting experience. Very active, socially, the judge was in great demand as a speaker at rallies, banquets, and gatherings of all sorts. Accordingly, the committee had considered themselves fortunate in securing his presence.

As another attraction of the evening they had planned to have a drawing for three stamp prizes. This was to be handled somewhat in the nature of a door prize. Each guest on arriving was to be handed a numbered program, and the number would be used at the time of the drawing.

Two of the prizes were nice stamps of about \$5 and \$10 in value. The main prize, however, was a mint pair of the 1920 \$2 Benjamin Franklin carmine and black. Actually this was intended for the judge as a token of appreciation; and, the committee planned to rig the drawing in such a way that he would be an unsuspecting winner.

The young man who was in attendance at the door had been instructed to note carefully the number of the program which he handed the judge on his arrival, and then to pass the information on at the first opportunity. The judge was a strong-featured, heavy-browed man with a great shock of iron gray hair. The man at the door had never met him, but had seen his picture in the papers, and felt certain that he would know him at once.

The committee was somewhat dismayed, however, when it was discovered that practically everybody, including the judge, was present, and the doorman was still watching for the guest of honor. From the pictures he had seen of the judge the young fellow had formed a mental impression of a large, heavy-set man. Actually, the judge was small and slender, being not a great deal over five feet tall, and he had arrived unrecognized.

The number on the judge's program had to be determined, and quickly. The major was seated on his left at the banquet table, and it fell upon him to glance over the program while eating. This was easier said than done, however.

First the program was turned face downward. Next it was turned up, but the judge had the number covered by his water glass. Time was slipping by, and the major was getting nervous.

Several times he craned his neck to get a closer look only to have the judge turn and engage him in conversation. Finally the judge's attention was drawn in the opposite direction, and for a few seconds the major had an unobstructed view of his program.

The elusive number was 147. He quickly scrawled it on a slip of paper and had this passed on to his associates who had charge of the drawing. Then, breathing a sigh of relief, he sat back to enjoy the balance of his dinner.

The judge gave an excellent address which received hearty applause. It was then time for the drawing. The major's consternation can well be imagined when he chanced to observe that the judge was gazing intently at his program in order to be prepared for the calling of the lucky numbers. The program was No. 92.

Apparently the judge and his other neighbor had each picked up the other's program, without being aware of the exchange. What to do? Would the two men keep the programs, or discover the switch, and change back? The third prize had already been drawn. Instead of engaging in all this deception, the major told himself disgustedly, why not present the stamps to the guest of honor with the compliments of the club, and be done with it?

He shoved his chair back, and hurried off to halt everything. The comedy of errors was not yet over with, however. The envelope containing the Franklin stamps had inadvertently been handed out as the third prize, and the winner was on the point of opening the packet when the mistake was discovered.

However, the major assured us, all finally ended satisfactorily. The main prize was retrieved in the nick of time. It was decided to stay with the original plans, and for the third and final drawing what should turn up but No. 92. The judge shouted "Here!", and was delighted when he saw what the envelope contained.

**Double-Header Meet Of Clubs At Joplin**

Organizers of the Four-State Federation of Stamp Clubs, covering Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas, announced that the first annual convention and exhibition of the Federation would be held at the Connor Hotel, Joplin, Mo., to coincide with the 3rd annual convention and exhibition of the Christmas Seal and Charity Stamp Society of the United States to be held October 7 to 9.

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Due to the success of last year's newly inaugurated plan of fund-raising which was called "Heart Sunday", this plan was used again this year on a much larger scale which entails the services of approximately 35,000 men and women volunteers and covered 76 suburban areas and 48 Chicago district, February 27.

In view of the astonishing and gratifying results of this door-to-door solicitation plan, the heart seals are playing a less important part in the fund-raising this year and production and distribution has been cut considerably. Only 10,000 selected names who contributed \$5.00 or more last year were solicited via the seal method, instead of having a general mailing to hundreds of thousands of names secured from the telephone book which did not prove very successful.

## Germany Has Set For "Womens Day"

Two new issues are reported from the communist zone of Germany by Walter Horn, Bodenbacherstr. 92cI, Dresden A 21, Germany. Both were released on March 8.

There are two in a set of the 45th annual "Women's Day". The design common to both pictures Asiatic, negro and white women clasping hands—denominations and colors are 10pf green and 20pf red.

A semipostal for flood relief consists of a surcharge of 20pf plus 5pf on a green 24pf plus 6pf semipostal picturing a dam.

## Helicopter Mail Service At Norfolk

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Grafton .....	Paid 3 in Circle Type I .....	8
Grafton .....	Roman Type IV .....	3
Granby .....	Roman Type II .....	3
Holliston .....	Roman Type III .....	3
Hubbardston .....	Roman Type II .....	3
Kingston .....	Roman Type III .....	3
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Lawrence .....	Roman Type V .....	3
Lenox Furnace .....	Gothic Type VIII .....	2
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Milton .....	Roman Type I .....	3
Nantucket .....	Paid 3 in Circle Type XXV .....	9
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North Abington .....	Gothic Type VIII .....	2
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Quincy .....	Paid in Oval Type III .....	6
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Salisbury .....	Paid in Oval Type IV .....	6
South Abington .....	Paid in Circle Type III .....	7
South Deerfield .....	Roman Type I .....	3
South Lancaster .....	Gothic Type VII .....	2
Stockbridge .....	Roman Type V .....	3
Wayland .....	Gothic Type VIII .....	2
West Scituate .....	Gothic Type III .....	2
Williamstown .....	Roman Type V .....	3
Winthrop .....	Roman Type V .....	3

### MICHIGAN

Dowagiac .....	Paid in Circle Type XXVI .....	9
Greenville .....	Roman Type II .....	3

### MINNESOTA

Afton .....	Gothic Type VIII .....	2
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### NEW HAMPSHIRE

Amoskeag .....	Roman Type I .....	3
Bath .....	Roman Type I .....	3
Bradford .....	Roman Type V .....	3
Center Sandwich .....	Paid 3 in Circle Type III .....	8
East Lebanon .....	Paid 3 in Circle Type VII .....	8
Enfield .....	Gothic Type II .....	2
Enfield .....	Gothic Type IV .....	2
Greenland .....	Paid 3 in Circle Type V .....	8
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New London .....	Italic Roman Type I .....	4
Oxford .....	Gothic Type II .....	2
Rindge .....	Roman Type I .....	3

### NEW JERSEY

Camden .....	Paid in Circle Type I .....	8
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### NEW YORK

Charlotte .....	Gothic Type VIII .....	2
Genoa .....	Paid in Circle Type IV .....	8
Great Valley .....	Gothic Type VIII .....	2
Honeoye .....	Roman Type V .....	3
Ithaca .....	Paid in Circle Type I .....	7
Moirs .....	Paid 3 in Circle Type VIII .....	8
North Lawrence .....	Roman Type II .....	3
Ogdensburg .....	Paid in Circle Type I .....	7
Peru .....	Paid 3 in Arc Type I .....	10
Valley Falls .....	Paid 3 in Circle Type XXI .....	9
Vienna .....	Gothic Type VIII .....	2
Weedsport .....	Roman Type V .....	3
Woodhull .....	Roman Type V .....	3

### OHIO

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Lima .....	Paid in Circle Type I .....	7
Maumee City .....	Paid in Circle Type IX .....	7

### PENNSYLVANIA

Bedford .....	Paid 3 in Circle Type IX .....	9
Chester .....	Paid in Circle Type I .....	7
Smiley .....	Gothic Type V .....	2
Wilkins .....	Town-State-Date-Paid Type III .....	12

### TENNESSEE

Morristown .....	Roman Type I .....	3
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### VERMONT

Brandon .....	Roman Type V .....	3
Castleton .....	Roman Type II .....	3
Dummerston .....	Gothic Type VIII .....	2
Fairfax .....	Roman Type I .....	2
Middlesex .....	Gothic Type VIII .....	2
Stockbridge .....	Ionic Type I .....	5

### VIRGINIA

Accomac .....	Roman Type I .....	3
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### JUST A FINAL WORD

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This series of articles will be revised and printed in book form as soon after completion as possible. The author solicits help from anyone who can add to the listings herein. Only material that is submitted for examination and illustration can be accepted. All material will be returned safely to the owners. Address them to George W. Linn, Roway-in-the-Hills, Ill.

## Dealer ★ ★ Doings

Edwin L. Chalfant of Riviera Stamps, 125 W. Haley, Santa Barbara, Calif., advises that purchasing of stamps on approval from him gets some added benefits from him. He has various discounts and premiums which are awarded to customers. The material sent is tailored to the customer's wants such as the price per stamp he wants to pay, and the nations he likes.

A typographical error occurred in the ad of Max Kaplan, P. O. Box 115L, Hollis 23, N. Y. in the March 14 edition under the Accessories heading in classified. The discount figure should have read 20% and not as it is printed. The reduction was offered on White Ace, Scott, Minkus and Elbe Albums, Catalogs and supplies. Mr. Kaplan has a good stock now.

A catalog filled with buys of albums, stock books, stamp packets and accessories has been released by Leonard C. Utecht, 1143 N. Keeler Ave., Chicago 51, Ill. Included as well are packets of coins and coin accessories such as coin boards, and handbooks. The catalog will be sent without cost to those requesting it and mentioning Linn's.

### Release Four More Spanish Definitives

Spain's new definitives will all be on deck one of these days for an additional quartet was issued March 15. These, as found on a first day cover from Carlos Lenze, Barquillo 29, Madrid, Spain, are a 15c bistre; 60c dark gray; 70c green and 5 Pesetas violet brown. The cancellation used on the first day from Madrid is the same as that used for previous releases in the series, a mélange of the letters forming the word VICTOR. The design has a portrait of Generalissimo Franco.

M. Galvez, Principe 1, Madrid also sent a cover and news.



March 26-27—Barberton Y Stamp Club, Eagles Temple, Barberton, Ohio.  
March 25-27 — SEPAD, Friends Select School, 16th St., North of Cherry Philadelphia, Pa.  
March 25-27—Fortnightly Collectors Club, Mint Museum of Art, Charlotte, N. C.  
March 26-27—Essex Philatelic Society, Masonic Temple, Bay City, Mich.  
March 26-27—Lake Forest Philatelic Society, Deerpath School, Lake Forest, Ill.  
March 28-27—Twin Cities Philatelic Society, Curtis Hotel, Minneapolis, Minn.  
March 26-27—Chillicothe Philatelic Society, West Fifth St. Junior High School, Chillicothe, Ohio.  
April 2-3—McKinley Stamp Club, Onesto Hotel, Canton, Ohio.  
April 7-9—Tampa Collectors Club, Hillsborough Hotel, Tampa, Fla.  
April 8-9—Lansdowne Stamp Club, Friends School Auditorium, Lansdowne, Pa.  
April 15—New York and New Jersey chapters ATA, Railroad Men's YMCA, 224 E. 47th St., New York City, 7:30 to 10 p. m.  
April 15-17—Ogden Hill and Beverly Hill Stamp Clubs, Hamilton Park Fieldhouse, Chicago, Ill.  
April 16—Boise Stamp Club, YMCA, Boise, Idaho.  
April 16—Albion Stamp Club, Baldwin Hall, Albion College campus, Albion, Mich.  
April 16—Women's Philatelic Society of New York, Collectors Club, 22 E. 35th St., New York City.  
April 16-17—Stanislaus Stamp Club, Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Modesto, Calif.  
April 21-23—Rutland County Stamp Club, Rutland Free Library, Rutland, Vt.  
April 22-24—Lake Co. Philatelic Society, Masonic Temple, Waukegan, Ill.  
April 22-24—Pottstown Stamp Club, Odd Fellows Temple, Pottstown, Pa.  
April 23-24—Stamp Collectors Club of Toledo, Central YMCA, Toledo, Ohio.  
May 1—Federation of Iowa Stamp Clubs, Sheldon Munn Hotel, Ames, Iowa.  
May 13-15—Rocky Mountain Philatelic Exhibition, Shirley-Savoy Hotel, Denver, Colo.  
May 14—Central Pennsylvania Stamp Get-Together, State College Hotel, State College, Pa. Mt. Nittany Philatelic Society hosts.  
May 28-30—Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs, Eugene Hotel, Eugene, Oregon.

### Cruikshank Heads Monterey Park Club

H. R. Cruikshank was elected president of the Monterey Park Calif. Stamp Club recently. His fellow officers are vice president S. H. Thompson, and secretary-treasurer Fred C. Moore, 1114 E. Emerson Ave., Monterey Park, Calif.

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### New Electro

At least to me, but perhaps not to the collectors down east. Taunton, Mass. on a 6c Prexy. Type somewhat like that in the double line U-16 type only there is a thin single line above and below. The spacing is narrow as is the normal trend now. Perhaps there are other values of this type. If so we would like to hear about them.

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### Bulletin Board

The March BUCKEYE bulletin of the Central Ohio Precancel Club mailed this month with the new 2c Bureau coil from Columbus. A sample copy will be sent for return postage to interested collectors. Write to address as on heading of this column.

### Eastern, Western H.P.O. Inaugurals

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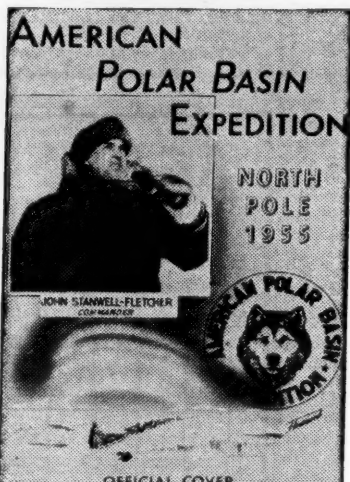
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